

Proof of Citizenship and Identity

New Requirements for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Who Are U.S. Citizens or Nationals

A new law says *most* Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are U.S. citizens or nationals must show proof of citizenship *and* proof of identity. Read below to see if this law applies to you.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, this law does not apply to you.

The new law does *not* apply to U.S. citizens or nationals in any of these categories:

- Anyone with:
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Medicare
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
 - Social Security Retirement and Survivors Insurance (RSI – Title II) based on their own disability
- Anyone under 21 asking for Minor Consent Services
- Babies born to women on Medi-Cal
- Children in Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, or Kin-GAP
- Babies in the Abandoned Baby Program
- CalWORKs Beneficiaries

What if I am not one of the above people?

If you are a U.S. citizen or national, you must provide proof of citizenship and identity to continue to be eligible for Medi-Cal. (See *page 3 for a list of acceptable proof of citizenship and identity.*)

U.S. nationals include people born in American Samoa (including Swains Island) and certain people from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

What if I am NOT a U.S. citizen?

If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, you will need to provide the same documents that were required before. Nothing has changed.

How long will my coverage continue?

Your Medi-Cal benefits will continue if you meet all other eligibility requirements and make a reasonable effort to provide the proof of citizenship and identity. You must tell your eligibility worker you are trying to get the proof.

How can I get proof of citizenship?

If you were born in California, the county may be able to get your birth record. (A birth record is proof of citizenship.)

Fill out a *Request for California Birth Record* to ask the county to request your birth record. Then mail or take this form to your local social services office. If a birth record cannot be found, you will need to provide another proof of citizenship. See page 3 for list of acceptable documents.

Ask the county about getting proof of citizenship if you were not born in California. Contact the county to see if they have found a birth record match for you before you pay for a birth certificate.

